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SHREDDER DUST FEEDING DEVICE,

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REVERBRATORY FURNACE PROVIDED WITH THIS FEEDING DEVICE, AND

FURNACE FOR BURNING SHREDDER DUST

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement imposed in the Official Action dated June 11, 2003, applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group III, i.e., Claims 7-12, for continued prosecution herein.

Claims 1-12 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

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Group I, Claims 1-3, drawn to a device for feeding shredder dust to a reverberatory furnace, classified in class 110, subclass 101R;

Group II, Claims 4-6, drawn to a reverberatory furnace for non-ferrous smelting, classified in class 266, subclass 182; and

Group III, Claims 7-12, drawn to a furnace for burning shredder dust, classified in class 110, subclass 249.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I, II and III are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group III, Claims 7-12. However, applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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